



# SFUSD

## ARTS FESTIVAL

A Citywide  
Celebration  
of Student  
Creativity

**MARCH 14-21, 2018**

Presented by the San Francisco Unified School District and the Asian Art Museum



# SFUSD Arts Festival

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**March 14 to March 21, 2018**



# Welcome

What better place to celebrate the creative power of all students of San Francisco than the stunning environs of the Asian Art Museum, once again the festival's gracious host. We welcome students, parents, teachers, artists and community members to join in this annual culminating event that reflects San Francisco's love for the arts and the promise of both the SFUSD's Strategic Plan and the district's Arts Education Master Plan for equity and access in quality arts education for every student, in every school, every day.

The spirit of the SFUSD Arts Festival may be seen and heard throughout the eight days in the student-created work on the walls and through student performances in this magical space, created by so many with such love and care.

Over a period of nine days, we come together to marvel at the way a 7-year-old views the world, while next to her work we see a creation through the lens of a senior in high school, and each work informs and strengthens the other. We are the beneficiaries as we stand in wonder at what our children are capable of; the enormity of their creative dreams becomes immediate and evident, viewed in the context of a world-class museum.

In the "age of assessment" we are able to see, hear and feel what has been taught and experienced in so many classrooms across San Francisco through the creativity of the student work in the visual and performing arts. In addition, SFUSD teachers, administrators, principals and arts coordinators receive powerful, on-site arts-based professional development delivered during the festival week. The festival itself is the living portfolio of the Arts Education Master Plan.

As the work begins to incorporate elements of the Common Core as a road-map for instruction, we can see for ourselves evidence of deep understanding, reflection, revision, risk-taking and perseverance along with the close reading that is integral to learning in the arts.

Recent brain research bears out the fact that hope and reflection are necessary components to the creative process. Hope and reflection are at the heart of the work we see and hear during these eight days at the Asian Art Museum.

*“It’s the artists of the world, the feelers and thinkers,  
who will ultimately save us, who can articulate, educate,  
defy, insist, sing and shout the big dreams.”*

— LEONARD BERNSTEIN

## **The Visual and Performing Arts Team of the SFUSD**

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## **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**Visual Art Exhibition** — Artwork by students from San Francisco’s public, private and parochial schools, and community centers will be exhibited in the Resource Center, North Court and Loggia of the Asian Art Museum.

**Performances** — More than 90 student and community choral groups, orchestras, drama and dance ensembles, jazz bands and concert bands will perform in Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum.

**Hands-on Art Activities** — Volunteers will offer activities March 14-16 and March 18-21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the second floor of the Asian Art Museum.

**Media Arts Event** — The March 9, 10 a.m. event, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, 151 Third St., presents short films by young filmmakers.

**Community Celebration** — March 15, 5-8 p.m., Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum

**Ewald Music Talent Showcase** — Elementary school music talent showcase is Sunday, March 18, 2 p.m., Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum.

**Literary Arts** — The 3 p.m., Sunday, March 18 event, Contemporary Jewish Museum, 736 Mission St., features young writers reading their poetry and prose works. Keynote speaker is Natalie Baszile.

All SFUSD Arts Festival events, performances and exhibits are free to the public.

# FRIDAY, March 9, 2018

## MEDIA ARTS EVENT

### Wattis Theater, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

10:30 a.m., Morning Screening

“Beginning of Community,” Eiran Espino, BAYCAT *Animation*

“Chinese Eating Etiquette,” Annie Wei, Susanna Luo, Men Yee Lin, Media Arts Pathway at Galileo *Documentary*

“Dad Rodeo,” Clare Cushman, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Animation*

“Language Art at A.P. Giannini,” Kaylie Li, Mario Cruz and Erickson Ng, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Documentary*

“Morning on the Farm,” Tanya Cyster, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Narrative, Animation*

“Picnic Perfect,” Cal Thacher, S.F. Art & Film Workshop, Lowell High School *Narrative*

“Pollution,” Emily M., A.P. Giannini Middle School *Animation*

“Raptor Attack!” Drake Leonard and Madoc Binioni, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Narrative*

“The Girl and the Gull,” Anabella Mortenson, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts *Animation*

“The Next Song,” Charlie An and Borden Wong, Media Arts Pathway, Galileo Academy *Experimental, Music Video*

“Tommy on the Beach,” AccessSFUSD: The Arc Animation Class *Animation*

“Wilber vs. Gentrification,” Samuel Rangel, Jorge Ortiz and Oscar Cabrera, Media Arts Pathway, Galileo *Documentary*

“Wordless Stories,” Mrs. Partridge’s Computer Art Class, Galileo Academy *Animation*



# FRIDAY, March 9, 2018

## Wattis Theater, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

2 p.m., Afternoon Screening (recommended for students 11 and older)

“A New Home,” Reyna Colt-Lacayo, Bay Area Video Coalition’s Next Gen Factory Program *Documentary*

“An Uneasy Truce,” Sylvia Colt-Lacayo, Bay Area Video Coalition’s Next Gen Factory Program *Narrative*

“Boi,” Victoria Partika, George Washington High School *Experimental*

“Brother, Alone,” Jonah Belsky, S.F. Art & Film for Teenagers/CSSA *Narrative*

“Eye Phone,” Rory Stevenson, S.F. Art & Film for Teenagers *Experimental*

“Find a way,” BAYCAT Youth Filmmaking & Music Performance *Music Video*

“Gupt Laalaten (The Lanterns),” Junior Soundstage Project, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts *Music Video*

“Hidden Homo,” Katherine Song, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Narrative, Animation*

“Home,” Phoebe Milvy-Soloff, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts *Narrative, Experimental*

“Intercutting,” Cal Thatcher, Lowell High School *Narrative*

“La Violencia,” Sofia Steinhart, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Documentary*

“Ma,” Queenie Li, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts *Narrative*

“Rest,” Sophia Puliatti, S.F. Art & Film for Teenagers *Narrative*

“Untitled,” Kelsey Quach, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Narrative, Animation*

“Who Am I?” Kimmy Nguyen, A.P. Giannini Middle School *Narrative, Animation*

“Ya-Ka,” Marley Nelson, Bay Area Video Coalition’s Next Gen Factory Program *Documentary*



## **WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2018**

*Program Subject to Change*

### **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

10:10-10:25 a.m.	Lincoln High School Orchestra Cindy Pacini, Director
10:35-10:50 a.m.	Sunset Elementary School Choir Shawn Aluk, Director
10:55-11:01 a.m.	Cesar Chavez Elementary School Dance Alejandro Ledesma, Director
11:20-11:35 a.m.	Peabody Dance Mershon Ilgner, Director
11:40-11:50 a.m.	Buena Vista Horace Mann Mariachi Ariane Cortes, Director
11:55 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	Buena Vista Horace Mann Dance Jesus Cortes, Director
12:25-1:10 p.m.	A.P. Giannini Middle School Choirs + Handbells Courtney Lindl, Director
1:20-1:35 p.m.	Marina Middle School 8th grade Orchestra Chad Ostwald, Director
1:45-1:50 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School Acapella Marissa Bergmann, Director

## **THURSDAY, March 15, 2018**

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### **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

10:10-10:25 a.m.	Bessie Carmichael Taiko Sensei Bruce Ghent
10:35-10:50 a.m.	Chinese Immersion Choir Flora Wong, Director
10:55-11:05 a.m.	Argonne Elementary School Dance Alejandro Ledesma, Director

# THURSDAY, March 15, 2018

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## **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

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| 11:10-11:20 a.m.      | Grattan Elementary School Dance<br>Charlotte Moraga, Director        |
| 11:30-11:45 a.m.      | Lakeshore Elementary School 2nd Grade Choir<br>Shawn Aluk, Director  |
| 11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. | Spring Valley Elementary School Choir<br>David Greenbaum, Director   |
| 12:15-12:25 p.m.      | Marina Middle School 7th Grade Orchestra<br>Chad Ostwald, Director   |
| 12:35-12:50 p.m.      | Ulloa Elementary School Dance (K-2)<br>Mershon Illgner, Director     |
| 12:55-1:10 p.m.       | Ulloa Elementary School Dance (3-5)<br>Mershon Illgner, Director     |
| 1:15-1:25 p.m.        | Ruth Asawa School of the Arts Small Ensemble<br>Henry Hung, Director |
| 1:30-1:45 p.m.        | Mission High School Choir<br>Osvaldo Carvajal, Director              |
| 1:50-2:05 p.m.        | Mission High School Mariachi<br>Osvaldo Carvajal, Director           |

## **Thursday Evening Community Celebration**

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| 4:45-5:45 p.m. | Dreamcatcher's Reception<br>Washington High School Chorus<br>Anna Karney, Director |
| 5-5:20 p.m.    | SF Glee<br>Shawn Aluk, Director  |
| 5:25-5:45 p.m. | A.P. Giannini Middle School Jazz Band<br>Sheri Whitney, Director                   |
| 6-7 p.m.       | Dreamcatcher Awards and Ceremony   |
| 6:20-6:30 p.m. | Access SFUSD: The Arc Dance<br>Jen Kabbabe, Director                               |

7:10-7:30 p.m.	Burton High School Band Manuel Young, Director
7:40-8 p.m.	Burton High School Chorus Peter Reinman, Director

## DREAMCATCHER AWARDS

Inspired by individually crafted Native American dreamcatchers, highly endowed and talismanic works of art believed to have the power to capture dreams and prevent negativity, the Visual and Performing Arts Department of the San Francisco Unified School District proudly presents Dreamcatcher Awards as part of the SFUSD Arts Festival to honor individuals who have inspired our educational community through the excellent work they have done to promote the vision and the promise of the SFUSD Arts Education Master Plan.

Dreamcatcher recipients come from various parts of the community, including arts teachers, school arts coordinators, principals, administrators and community arts partners. The Visual and Performing Arts Department is proud to recognize these arts education leaders with the annual Dreamcatcher Awards, which made their debut in 2007, along with the Master Plan, and have provided our community with a way to recognize and celebrate the excellent work provided by these exemplary and inspiring arts leaders.

**Community Arts Partner** Emily Keeler and Camille Olivier-Salmon, S.F. Arts Education Project

**Community Artist Partner** Marcus Shelby

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**Secondary Arts Coordinator** Damian Nuñez

**Credentialed Arts Teacher** David Greenbaum

**Credentialed Arts Teacher** Joseph Alter

**Inclusive Arts Specialist** Heidi Seretan

# FRIDAY, March 16, 2018

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## **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

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| 10:10-10:25 a.m.       | Alvarado Elementary School Dance<br>Luis Sierra, Director                       |
| 10:30-10:35 a.m.       | Glen Park Elementary School Dance<br>Alejandro Ledesma, Director                |
| 10:40-10:55 a.m.       | Rosa Parks Elementary School Dance (S.F. Ballet)<br>Jasmine Yep Huynh, Director |
| 11-11:15 a.m.          | R.L. Stevenson Elementary School Dance/Drama<br>Maria Yip, Director             |
| 11:20-11:30 a.m.       | Willie Brown Middle School Step Soldiers<br>Ronson Muhammed, Director           |
| 11:35-11:45 a.m.       | Willie Brown Middle School Drill Team<br>Ronson Muhammed, Director              |
| 11:50 a.m.- 12:05 p.m. | Willie Brown Middle School S.L.A.M.<br>Ronson Muhammed & Tolliver, Directors    |
| 12:10-12:20 p.m.       | Willie Brown Middle School Choir<br>Ronson Muhammed & Ben Koscielak, Directors  |
| 12:30-12:45 p.m.       | Willie Brown Middle School Steel Pan Ensemble<br>Ben Koscielak, Director        |
| 12:55-1:10 p.m.        | Willie Brown Middle School Orchestra<br>Ben Koscielak, Director                 |
| 1:20-1:30 p.m.         | Balboa High School Dance<br>Mitzi Ulloa, Director                               |
| 1:35-1:45 p.m.         | Ruth Asawa School of the Arts Small Ensemble<br>Henry Hung, Director            |
| 1:50-2:05 p.m.         | Tenderloin Elementary School Choir<br>David Greenbaum, Director                 |
| 2:10-2:20 p.m.         | Tenderloin Elementary School Dance (S.F. Ballet)<br>Jasmine Yep Huynh, Director |

# SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

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## **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

- 10–11:30 a.m. “Hamilton” singalong—open to all students, arrive at 10 a.m. to sign up  
David Greenbaum, Director
- Noon–12:30 p.m. Presidio Middle School Guitars and Choir  
Anna Karney, Director
- 12:40–12:45 p.m. Claire Lillienthal Elementary School Duet  
Robin Saunders, Director
- 12:50–1:20 p.m. Mercy High School Dolce Show Choir  
Laura Flaviani, Director
- 2–3 p.m. Ewald Elementary School Music Talent Showcase  
The Ewald Talent Showcase features 4th and 5th grade SFUSD students who have been selected to perform in this showcase. The H.T. Ewald Foundation funds the districtwide Elementary Music Festival, a literary contest and an art contest.

# SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

## **LITERARY ARTS EVENT**

- 3 p.m. **Contemporary Jewish Museum**  
Keynote: Natalie Baszile

### **Judges**

Maggie Tokuda-Hall (short story/nonfiction)

Asha Sudra (poetry)

Kristian O’Hare (dramatic script)

### **Dramatic Writing - Short Plays**

*1st Place* Anthony Stevenson, Downtown High School, “Here’s the Real Lesson”

*2nd Place* Chloe Kerr-Stein, Lowell High School, “Lookey What the Founding Fathers Did”

*3rd Place* Davorin Robison, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology,  
“Controversy”

*Honorable Mentions* (tie) Mose Lui, Downtown High School, “Loyal Frienemies,” and Jumey Faga, Downtown High School, “Takes a Life to Save Another”

### **Dramatic Writing - Monologues**

*1st Place* Eunique Johnson-Wigfall, Downtown High School, “That One Fight”

*2nd Place* Kamron Provost, Downtown High School, “That Constant Problem We Have Between Us”

*3rd Place* Jumey Faga, Downtown High School, “Path”

### **Poetry - High School**

*1st Place* Julieta Roll, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts, “Coyocan and Other Poems”

*2nd Place* Charlotte Pocock, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts, “A Whaling Ship Is Pulled to the Bottom of the Ocean. Meanwhile, a Daughter Writes to God” and other poems

*3rd Place* Xuan Ly, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts, “Don’t Give Me Tulips, Don’t Give Me Daisies”

*Honorable Mentions for Imagery* Isabelle Oringer, Lowell High School, “Particles,” and Dora He Wu, Lowell High School, Amelia, Ynping, China”

*Honorable Mentions for Resiliency* Matthew Wong-Chie, Lowell High School, “Words Are Weapons,” and Sophia Suen, Lowell High School, “Identity, or How to Discover What You Mean to the World”

### **Poetry - Middle School**

*1st Place* Julian Fong-McAdams, Hoover Middle School, “The Other Side of the Hill”

*2nd Place* Alex Ramos, Hoover Middle School, “Ode to Muni”

*3rd Place* Jennifer Rodriguez, Hoover Middle School, “My School and My Home”

### **Short Story - High School**

*1st Place* Men Yee Lin, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, “Abandoned Bottle”

*2nd Place* Brittany Ngo, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, “Conscious”

*2nd Place* Huckleberry Shelf, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts, “Every Night”

*3rd Place* Keith Ho, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology,  
“Mistaken for a Girl”

*3rd Place* Solange Baker, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts, “Winter in May”

*Honorable Mentions* Billy Chen, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology  
(best twist ending) “Reality”; Nasu Nguyen, Galileo Academy of Science  
and Technology (most palpable crush) “Doves Against the Wind”; Laura  
Jian, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology (creepiest) “Death  
of Planet Earth”; Irene Chhay, Galileo Academy of Science and Techno-  
logy (best opening line) “Snakes”; Skyler Rodgers, Galileo Academy of  
Science and Technology (best world building) “Forsaken Station”

### **Short Story - Middle School**

*1st Place* Nhu Huynh, Creative Arts Charter School, “Homecoming”

### **Creative Nonfiction - High School**

*1st Place* Coco Ng, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology,  
“A Household You Never Thought Existed”

*2nd Place* Hannay Ding, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology,  
“Eyes on the Ball”

*3rd Place* Leo Sack, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, “Apathy”

*Honorable Mentions* Nina Berggren, Ruth Asawa School of the Arts (best  
advice) “Note to Sixth Grade Self”; Kelly Kong, Galileo Academy of  
Science and Technology (best coming-of-age narrative) “A Step into Their  
Shoes”; Sabri Kuc, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology (most  
keenly empathetic) “Societal Function”; Krupa Patel, Galileo Academy  
of Science and Technology (most introspective) “Identity Discovery”



# MONDAY, March 19, 2018

*Program subject to change*

## **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

10:10-10:25 a.m.	James Lick Middle School Band Brendan Reilly, Director
10:35-10:50 a.m.	Commodore Sloat Elementary School 2nd Grade Choir Shawn Aluk, Director
10:55-11:10 a.m.	Grattan Elementary School Choir Amy Clark, Director
11:20-11:35 a.m.	Francisco Middle School Orchestra Serena Pon, Director
11:45 a.m.-noon	Eldorado Elementary School Choir Peter Sroka, Director
12:05-12:35 p.m.	Carver Elementary School Choir Peter Sroka, Shona Mitchell, & Adam Coopersmith, Directors
12:40-12:55 p.m.	Bessie Carmichael Choir Peter Sroka, Director
1:05-1:20 p.m.	Ruth Asawa School of the Arts Guitars Scott Cmiel, Director
1:50-2:05 p.m.	A.P. Giannini Middle School Concert Band Sheri Whitney, Director
2:15 -2:25 p.m.	Lincoln High School Latino Marching Band Andrew Lewis, Director

# TUESDAY, March 20, 2018

*Program subject to change*

## **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

10:10-10:25 a.m.	Paul Revere Taiko Sensei Bruce Ghent
10:35-10:50 a.m.	A.P. Giannini Middle School Orchestra Ryan Heidtman, Director
11-11:10 a.m.	John Yehall Chin Dance Lily Cai, Director

11:20-11:30 a.m.	Sherman Elementary School Dance Mo McNealy, Director
11:35-1:50 a.m.	Bret Harte Elementary School Dance Alejandro Ledesma, Director
Noon-12:15 p.m.	Presidio Middle School Orchestra Veronica Bottini, Director
12:25-12:40 p.m.	Cleveland Elementary School Choir Peter Sroka, Director
12:45-1 p.m.	Fairmount Elementary School Choir Peter Sroka, Director
1:10-1:25 p.m.	Wallenberg High School Jazz Band Karen Segal, Director
1:35-1:50 p.m.	Mariachi Los Gavilanes de Monaco Middle School Ramiro Benavides Jr., Director
2-2:15p.m.	St. Anne Choir Laura Flaviani, Director

## **WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018**

*Program subject to change*

### **Samsung Hall, Asian Art Museum**

10:10-10:15 a.m.	Paul Revere Elementary School Dance Ms. Alvarez, Director
10:40-10:55 a.m.	Balboa High School Puppet Theater Marcia Zorrilla, Director
11:05-11:20 a.m.	Junipero Serra Elementary School Dance Drama Dawn Mermer, Director
11:25-11:40 a.m.	Junipero Serra Elementary School Dance Drama Donna Fontanilla, Director
11:45-Noon	Bret Harte Elementary School Dance and Band Princess, Director
12:05-12:20 p.m.	Charles Drew Elementary School Choir David Greenbaum, Director

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The exhibition is curated by all the teachers, who selected three to five pieces from each school and submitted group projects.

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## **San Francisco Unified School District's Visual and Performing Arts Program**

The goal of the Visual and Performing Arts program is to provide access and equity in arts education (both arts as a discrete discipline taught by certified teachers and arts-infused academics using San Francisco as the Campus) for every SFUSD student, at every school, during each curricular day.

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) refers to the disciplines of visual arts, dance, drama/theatre, music and literary arts. The VAPA Department administers arts programs for district schools and is a part of SFUSD's Curriculum and Instruction Department, which oversees teaching and learning along with the other academic subjects.

Equity, access and excellence in arts education for every student in every school is the vision and the goal of the VAPA Department. Bringing the arts into the classroom and students to the arts in our powerfully creative and artistically diverse community, we seek to build and enhance 21st century skills and to encourage students, teachers and parents to view themselves as life-long-learners who are inspired by the arts and act as creative participants in our school communities. Viewing the arts both as stand-alone subjects taught by credentialed specialists and as powerful partners to academic subjects through interdisciplinary and arts-infused classes, we work to teach the whole child and prepare all of our students for fulfilling lives and jobs in the coming years.

Thinking in new and creative ways, strengthening our students' unique creative voices, and allowing them to take risks, improvise and work both individually and in ensembles, we use arts education to harness the power of the imagination to prepare our students to participate in meaningful ways in their own future communities, jobs and families.

The Arts Education Master Plan is San Francisco Unified School District's blueprint for integrating the arts into each student's daily curriculum. It

details why and how the district will provide an education in which students accrue quality knowledge of the arts and creative experiences from day one of preschool through their senior year in high school. As Ruth Asawa, San Francisco artist and pioneer arts educator, put it: “Just as athletes need to exercise every day, children need to make art every day.”

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